

Monday, January 26, 2026

7:30 - 9 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau and the Great Lakes Crop Summit

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Registration, Exhibit Area Open, Hot Breakfast - *Sponsored by Zeeland Farm Services, Inc.*

9:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

Geopolitical trends the agricultural industry needs to watch

Jacob Shapiro, Bespoke Group

10:30 a.m.

Exhibit Area Open

11:00 a.m.

Exhibit Area Open and Lunch - *Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions*

Saginaw Room

Swan Creek Room

Black River Room

Three Fires Room

1:00 p.m.

Understanding the agricultural trade deficit: Trends, causes, and concerns

Andrew Muhammad,
University of Tennessee
at Knoxville

*Sponsored by
Crystal Flash*

A resource for simplifying respiratory protection in agriculture

Ed Parsons, Michigan
State University
(RUP)

On-farm grain storage benefits & marketing

Nate Greeley, ZFS
Ithaca; Nate Nies, ZFS
Inc.; Mike Boring, The
Andersons Inc.; Nick
Reigler and Chris Betz,
MAC
(1 CM)

Root Reveal™ and Silk Reveal: Optimizing corn hybrid performance through the understanding of genetic variation in corn root architecture and ASI

Jeferson Pimentel and Aaron
Brooker, Beck's Hybrids
(.5 NM, .5 CM)

2:00 p.m.

Policy signals shaping agriculture and supply chains in 2026

Jeremy Adamson,
PepsiCo

Oh deer! How to deal with the most frustrating pest on the farm: a panel session

Monica Jean,
Michigan State
University Extension
(RUP) (1 PM)

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway: An export platform for U.S. agriculture

Jazmine Jurkiewicz,
Great Lakes St.
Lawrence Seaway
Development
Corporation

Optimizing neonic seed treatments for profit, performance, and sustainability

Clay Bolt, World Wildlife
Fund and Brookside Labs
(.5 CM, .5 S)

3:00 p.m.

Room Closed for Setup

Managing vomitoxin: The path to clean corn

Andy Vickers, POET
(RUP) (1 PM)

Partnerships that support farmer resiliency and profitability

Jeremy Adamson,
PepsiCo (1 SW)

The future of farm insurance: How to keep your farm insurable

Daniel Johnson and Benn
Starr, Newaygo Insurance
Agency (1 PD)

4:00 - 7 p.m.

Exhibit Area Open

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sponsor Power Hour
Exhibit Hall

Michigan Corn Growers Association & Michigan Soybean Association Annual Meetings
Saginaw Room

5 - 6 p.m.

GreenStone Farm Credit Services Connect Reception - Exhibit Hall

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner - Exhibit Hall

8 p.m.

BASF Evening Reception - *Sponsored by BASF*

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Exhibit Area Open, Continental Breakfast			
8:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Keynote Speaker</u> Change is the only constant: Navigating a shifting policy landscape Susan Stroud, No Bull Agriculture</p>			
	<i>Saginaw Room</i>	<i>Swan Creek Room</i>	<i>Black River Room</i>	<i>Three Fires Room</i>
9:15 a.m.	How does the One Big Beautiful Bill Act affect your farm operation? Paul Neiffer, CPA	High yield wheat: Learnings from the U.K., a panel of farmer and agronomist perspectives Dennis Pennington, Michigan State University (RUP) (1 NM)	Michigan Soil Health Hero Awards with special presentation: Farmers leading change Dr. Ryan Stockwell, The Nature Conservancy (1 SW)	How to create positive cash flow Steve Kluemper, AgriStrategies LLC
10:15 a.m.	Ag Climate Dashboard: An all-in-one climate and weather website for the ag community Dr. Beth Hall, Midwestern Regional Climate Center (1 CM)	Does more nitrogen mean more problems? Nitrogen and disease strategies for increased wheat yield Drs. Kurt Steinke and Marty Chilvers, Michigan State University (RUP) (1 PM)	Understanding Inputs Brady Spangenberg, BASF	Health hazards in agriculture Jamie Green, MIOSHA (1 PD)
11:05 a.m.	Exhibit Area Open, Buffet Lunch & Master Farmer Awards – Exhibit Hall <i>Master Farmer Awards sponsored by Michigan Farmer, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Wilbur-Ellis, Brownfield Ag News, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, Corn Marketing Program of Michigan, Michigan Soybean Committee, and Michigan Wheat Program</i>			
12:30 p.m.	Soybean research highlights Drs. Kurt Steinke, Eric Patterson and Emily Merewitz Holm, Michigan State University (1 CM)	Sprayer technology for weed control Christy Sprague and Michael Dodde, Michigan State University; Chad Yagow, Verdant Robotics (RUP) (1 PM)	The uncontrollables: Manage stress when everything is outside of your control Sarah Zastrow, Cultivate Balance	Room Closed
1:30 p.m.	Are you crop budgeting effectively? Jason Stegink, Wide Angle Agriculture (1 CM)	Compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements Kevin Kern, MDARD (RUP) (.5 PM, .5 PD)	Farm to fuel: Growing the future of renewable energy Pete Probst, Michigan Advanced Biofuels Coalition	Room Closed
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn			